

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended.

By this Amendment, the specification has been amended to correct a mistakenly placed heading. Furthermore, Claim 13 has been amended to recite that the distributed application is started after the starting of the one or more listener modules and that the at least one listener module receives information from another machine. Support for these amendments can at least be found on pages 3-4 of the specification as well as pages 10-17.

As discussed in the background of Applicants' specification, the administration of a distributed application can quickly become very complex. In particular, before the administration can begin, an operator traditionally must activate a listener module in each machine in which he wishes to act. To do this, the administrator must first consult a file containing information on the activation of the listener modules. This file is generally stored in a place that must be remembered in each machine. Then, with the aid of this information, the operator must activate the listener module of each machine one by one. Thus, if the application involves 10 machines, the operator must activate the listener module of each of the 10 machines, then at the end of the application, deactivate the 10 listener modules. This repetitive operation is long and tedious.

Thus, an exemplary embodiment of the present invention offers a process for assisting in the administration of a distributed application of a transaction processing manager based on a binary configuration file of the application. As recited in independent Claim 13, managing of at least one listener module of any machine from another machine is performed wherein the managing is capable of starting or stopping one or more of the listener modules based on the binary configuration file and activating

the one or more listener modules wherein the distributed application is started after the starting of the one or more listener modules and the at least one listener module receives information from another machine.

In contrast, the monitoring process of Boukobza is directed toward monitoring one or more applications in a plurality of nodes. As discussed on column 5, lines 9-15, of Boukobza, the monitoring process is capable of being started and stopped by the management node. While the teachings of Boukobza could be used in conjunction of the teachings of the present invention, the starting and stopping of the monitoring process of Boukobza would occur after the starting or stopping of the listener modules in the claimed invention. Accordingly, independent Claim 13 has been amended to recite and clarify that the distributed application is started after the starting of the listener module.

Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claim 13 is thus distinguishable from the relied upon references. For example, as discussed on columns 2, 5, and 6, the object of Boukobza is a process which makes it possible to officially monitor the operation of one or more applications in a plurality of nodes. Thus, in Boukobza, in order to insure effective monitoring of the applications running the plurality of nodes, the process applied makes it possible to measure specific parameters of each application, to test conditions on these parameters relative to thresholds and then to execute an action in order to warn of a problem or to reconfigure or to recorrect. Then, as discussed on column 5 of Boukobza, the starting and stopping of the monitoring process (i.e., for the application) is controlled by the management node.

Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claim 13 is both novel and non-obvious in view of the cited references. An early and favorable Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (T2147-906206) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

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